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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No: 017227/0171

Applicant: Barry Ross MATTHEWS *et al.*

Title: ***INHIBITION OF TOXIC MATERIALS OR SUBSTANCES USING DENDRIMERS***

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the time to respond to April 3, 2003. Should such a request or fee be deficient or absent, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 to 1.18 to Account No. 19-0741.

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 7 and 12, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) A method of inhibiting the activity of a toxic material or substance in a human or non-human animal patient, which comprises administration of the patient of an effective amount of a dendrimer having a plurality of terminal groups wherein at least one of said terminal groups has an anionic- or cationic-containing moiety bonded or linked thereto and wherein said toxic material or substance is released from a biological organism.